

## **City of Humble Beautification Committee:**

### **Meeting Minutes –April 7, 2021**

**In Attendance:**        **Gwen Willis, Sharon Mittag, Arliss Bentley, Darlene Ward, Fidel Martinez, Chris Green, Susan McDaniel, Margaret Byron, Bruce Davidson and Paula Settle**

Gwen called the meeting to order at 3:34 pm.

A motion was made to approve the minutes. Motion made by Susan and seconded by Margaret. Motion passed.

City of Humble Festivals: Good Oil Days will take place on April 10th from 10 am to 4pm. The Oil Derrick Boom contest will have a winner every hour on the hour. You do not have to be present to win. It will also have the large prize giveaway at the end of the Pre-Party. You must be present to win that drawing. The street dance will start at 7pm. The Farmer's Market is scheduled for April 11th. They will be at Schott Park the 2nd Sunday of each month. Music on Main will resume May 14th at Uptown Park. The Humble clean up was scheduled for April 24th. We waited to get confirmation from Junk King to participate. By the time we received confirmation, we could not get any advertising out. The committee voted to move the clean up to October 16th so that we could get more advertising and participation.

Main Street & Historic Downtown Humble: Gwen and Fidel met with Jason after the last meeting to discuss a few items. After Wild Cat Den is demolished, the city will be installing a cedar fence and has plans to hydromulch the ground to encourage grass growth. Jason encouraged the committee to come up with some ideas to present to the city on how to beautify this area once that is complete. The flower/ planter boxes were discussed. Jason stated that we could get parks to move them to the 515 Main location but we would need to make sure to discuss this with the owners or tenants of the properties where they are located. We also discussed just having conversations with those owners about maintaining them and leaving them at the current location as well as doing something such as "Adopting the Planter Box". Many of these do not get used by the current owners or tenants. Many owners may not realize that it is something they should maintain. Margaret mentioned that during our 100 year plaque presentations in 2019, the mayor had asked her to get a quote to replace the historical plaque at the Humble State Bank Building. She will work on this to present to the Mayor and City Manager. A citizen has approached a committee member and asked if the city could repair the

clock on that building. Margaret stated that the owner was looking into that as well. We will follow up with the owner and then see if this is something the city would be interested in pursuing.

Artesian Well: Gwen and Fidel met with Jason about the well. He was not aware that there was an issue. He instructed us to get quotes for repair. Swimming pool companies are extremely busy right now. Fidel has been working on getting quotes to repair the well. He will include some beautification money in the budget when he submits the proposal to the city.

Code Enforcement—Areas of concern within the city: The asbestos testing was being done at Wild Cat Den. The previous owner was advised he could no longer enter the property. Demolition will be scheduled once testing and/or abatement is completed. Construction crew near Fm 1960 and Townsend were advised to keep the red clay off the roadway. Sign bandits are out. Fidel picked up about 50 signs. Fidel is working on the house clean up behind the paint store that has trash and debris. The house across from the skating rink is back on the radar. This was scheduled to close and the owner passed away. Things have been in probate and the city was giving time to get that done. It should be done now and they will start the enforcement process again. Dangerous buildings are being pursued within the city.

Promotion/Advertising for city and local events: The city is using the billboard by 59 to promote events. Jennifer is working on mail inserts for events. Margaret Jo shared the State Texas Guide and advised that coverage for Humble has been reduced. We need to try to get more information in this book. It is a free publication.

Old Cemetery on South Houston: No update

Christmas Parade: The parade route was discussed. It was asked if we could add the civic center in the registration forms as a place for floats to off load. Margaret discussed the ornament. It will likely be a snowy white with purple imprint. She suggested using the roof line of the Wild Cat Den as the photo on the ornament. She will put a layout together.

Discussion of items for future meetings: No updates

Adjournment: A motion was made by Sharon and a second by Margie for adjournment at

4:42pm

**THE NEXT MEETING WILL BE WEDNESDAY, May 5, 2021 AT  
Humble Civic Center, 8233 Will Clayton Pkwy Rooms A-D, AT 3:30 PM.**